

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair Broadcasting uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Besides the law, as "journalists" Sinclair is ethically obligated to give the public the whole truth, unadulterated by personal biases. But when one group is allowed to control so much of the airwaves, we the people, who want facts so we can make wise decisions, especially in selecting a president, suffer, as does democracy. We WANT more substantive news about issues that matter, not a onesided view rpresented by a partisan broadcasting group.

Sinclair's actions underscores why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.